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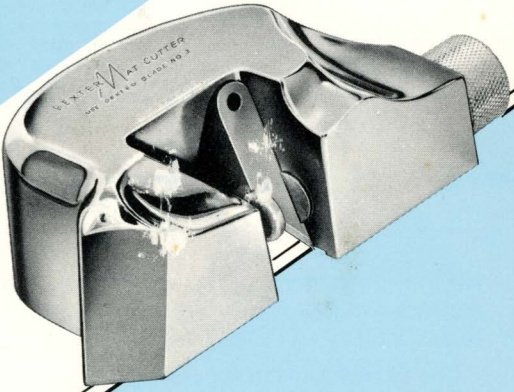
DEXTER MAT CUTTER



CUT MATS

WITH A PROFESSIONAL BEVEL EDGE

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HARD TO CUT BEVEL EDGES MADE EASY

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DEXTER MAT CUTTER

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The **DEXTER MAT CUTTER** produced by Russell Harrington Cutlery eliminates the problems of cutting mats with uncertainty, leaving ragged and untidy edges. Anyone can use it efficiently with very little practice.

You can cut a straight or bevel edge with absoiute accuracy and give your mat that professional look. It's easy and safe to use saving a great deal of time, money and effort.

Perfect for scoring cardboard or illustration board to get the proper bend in a curve or angle. Can also cut thin sheets of plastic and balsa wood for model making.

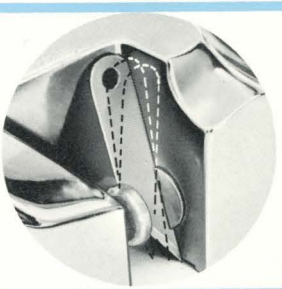
The **DEXTER MAT CUTTER** is chrome-plated to prevent marring or soiling the surface of mat board when cutting. Also gives the instrument a smooth gliding undersurface and enhances its appearance. A metal knob controls blade adjustment and secures it in the proper position for cutting.

COMFORTABLE FIT

Push instrument with ease against T square when cutting. No pulling or tearing. Designed to conform to hand.

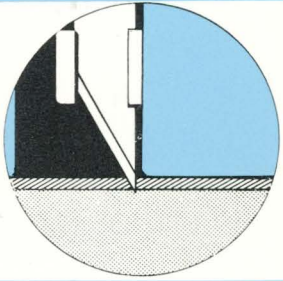
CUTTING ANGLE

Attractive metal knob adjusts and secures no. 3 Dexter blade at desired angle and depth for cutting.



CUTTING DEPTH

Place mat board against undersurface of cutter. Drop blade slightly below edge thickness of board, just enough to prick cardboard used under mat board as pad for cutting.



ALIGNMENT

Points 1 and 2 used for sighting relative to guide line when cutting straight edges.

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EASY TO USE • EASY TO CUT • BEST RESULTS

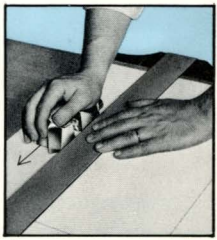
In preparing a mat for a drawing, painting, print or photograph a desirable frame width must be determined. After this has been done draw light cross marks with a pencil and T-square at each corner accurately marking section of mat to be cut out. Make certain mat board is absolutely square before cutting.

Next, a large piece of cardboard should be placed under mat board prior to cutting. This precaution will help prevent broken blade points, distorted cut bevel edges, and provide smoother cutting motion.

Take the No. 3 Dexter Mat Cutter blade and insert into slot of aluminum rod. The razor sharp cutting edge should be facing away from metal knob toward front of mat cutter. Adjust blade to desired angle and depth then secure in position by tightening knob. Depth is determined by placing mat board against undersurface of cutter and dropping blade slightly below edge thickness of board, just enough to prick cardboard used under mat board as pad for cutting.

Square up mat board with T-square and place tip of mat cutter blade at lower right corner where guide lines meet. Gently force blade through thickness of mat board with a very slight penetration into cardboard pad beneath. Place the T-square in position with head at base of cutting board and edge against straight side of **DEXTER MAT CUTTER** as in illustration 1.

To cut mat, slight downward pressure must be applied to cutter and pushed forward along edge of T-square away from body. T-square must be held down firmly in position with other hand always maintaining an alignment with corner guide lines.



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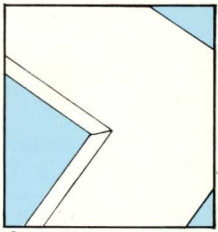

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Approach corners carefully to avoid cutting beyond the guide line. After the first cut turn the mat board clockwise and repeat the same cutting procedure until the mat is completed. The results should give you professional looking bevel edges every time (illustration 2).

If you're using mat board with soft or delicate surfaces that may tend to mar we highly recommend cutting from the reverse side. Draw corner marks on the back. Start your first cut in the lower left hand corner and proceed to turn mat board counter-clockwise with each cut. Cutting from the back reduces "hooked" or "curved" corners and erasure marks.

Five blades of high grade cutlery steel, ground to the sharpest razor edge, are included FREE with each DEXTER MAT CUTTER. Blades are packed five to a package. **For best results always use a sharp blade.**

Extra package of 5 blades available at your dealer.

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